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CHURCHES MAKING REMARKABLE GAINS

One Person Out of Every 2.06 of the Population Today Belongs to Some Denomination.

New York, Feb. 28.—The growth of Christianity in America outstrips in marked degree the growth of population in America, rapid as the latter is from immigration and natural causes. The Methodist Christian Advocate of New York publishes data compiled by Dr. H. K. Carroll, who was director of the government's religious census in 1890, the first one it ever took.

It appears that in 1890 there were 20,597,000 members of Christian churches in America, or about one person in three of the population. Just 20 years later there are 35,332,000, or 1 to 2.06 of the population. In other words, Christian church membership has grown, during the past two decades, a third faster than the population has done. And, according to the same authority, the growth was greater during the second decade, 1900 to 1910, than during the first, from 1890 to 1900.

In his data concerning growth last year among various Christian bodies in America Dr. Carroll, himself a director of one religious census, finds Roman Catholics to have grown 110,000, Methodists 108,000, Disciples of Christ 89,000, Baptists 85,000 and Lutherans 70,000. The last named have now passed the Presbyterians as a denominational family, and stand third, with a total membership of 2,301,000.